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Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

### Software and code

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Data collection	No software was used for data collection.
Data analysis	All data were plotted and quantitative analyses performed using GraphPad Prism 8 software. All western blot images were captured on a ChemiDoc system with Image Lab software version 6.01 (Bio-Rad). All in vivo vascular leak assays were analyzed on a fluorescence scanner (LI-COR Odyssey CLx Imaging system) and analyzed with Image Studio Lite software version 5.2.

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All raw data associated with this study are provided as as source data file. Analyzed RNA-Seq data are included in the manuscript as supplementary tables and raw data are uploaded to NCBI SRA at BioProject accession # PRJNA807823.

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## Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	No sample size calculation was conducted. We selected samples sizes of sufficient size to ensure reproducibility of our findings as well as large enough to perform statistical analyses (at least n=3 unless stated otherwise). Our rational for selecting this sample size was primarily based on previous experience with these assays informing us on the number of replicates required to achieve statistical significance given the variance of each assay.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from this study. We pre-established our exclusion criteria as a rejection of a dataset if either our positive controls or negative controls failed.
Replication	We repeated experiments at least three times or the number indicated in the figures legends.
Randomization	Experiments were not randomized. Data variability was controlled through the inclusion of multiple biological replicates, inclusion of multiple technical replicates within an experiment, and utilization of distinct guide RNAs targeting a single gene in multiple cell lines.
Blinding	Researchers were not blinded during experiments which was a result of working with infectious SARS-CoV-2 and the high complexity of the conducted experiments.

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### Methods

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## Antibodies

Antibodies used	The following antibodies were used in this study: goat anti-ACE2 (R&D Systems, AF933), rabbit anti-integrin alpha 5 (Abcam, ab150361), rabbit anti-ITGB1 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, PA5-29606), rabbit anti-Heparanase 1 (Abcam, EPR22365-230, ab254254), rabbit anti-MMP-9 (Cell Signaling Technology, #3852), mouse anti-TACE/ADAM17 (Santa Cruz Biotechnologies, B-6, sc-390859), mouse anti-Cathepsin L (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 33-2, BMS1032), rabbit anti-TGFBR1 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, PA5-32631), mouse anti-His (MA1-21315, Thermo Scientific), mouse anti-β-actin HRP (Santa Cruz Biotechnologies, sc-47778 HRP), goat anti-mouse HRP (Biolegend, 405306), donkey anti-rabbit HRP (Biolegend, 406401), donkey anti-human HRP, Biolegend, 410902), hyaluronic acid (Abcam ab53842), heparan sulfate (amsbio, clone F58-10E6, 370255-s), or chondroitin sulfate (Thermo Fisher Scientific, clone CS-56, ma1-83055), hyaluronidase (Abcam, clone PH20, ab196596) and neuraminidase 2 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, pa5-35114), anti-Spike (Genetex, 1A9, GTX632604), anti-Spike (Absolute Antibody, CR3022), rabbit anti-TGFBR1 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, PA5-32631). All primary antibodies were used at a dilution of 1:1000 and all secondary antibodies were used at a concentration of 1:5000.
Validation	Each antibody was validated using cellular lysates from both positive and negative controls (parental vs. KO cells). Only antibodies that validated according to the manufactures instructions were used in this study.

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	HEK293T, Calu-3, and Vero cells were obtained from ATCC via the UC Berkeley cell culture facility. Human pulmonary
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	microvascular endothelial cells (HPMEC) [line HpMEC-ST1.6R] were a gift from Dr. J.C. Kirkpatrick at Johannes Gutenberg University, Germany.
Authentication	Cells came authenticated from ATCC. HPMEC are routinely screened by IFA for endothelial cell specific markers (including VE-Cadherin) while Calu-3 were screened by IFA for epithelial cell specific markers (including E-Cadherin).
Mycoplasma contamination	Cells were certified mycoplasma free from the UC Berkeley Cell Culture Facility/Lonza upon receipt. Cell in the Harris lab are routinely screened for mycoplasma.
Commonly misidentified lines (See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register)	HEK293T

## Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	Six- to eight-week-old wild-type C57BL/6J and K18-hACE2 [B6.Cg-Tg(K18-ACE2)2PrImn/J] mice of both genders were purchased from the Jackson Laboratory and housed at the University of California, Berkeley Animal Facility under specific pathogen-free conditions. Mice were housed in temperature-controlled environments on a 12-hour light and dark cycle, with food and water provided <i>ad libitum</i> . All experiments and procedures were pre-approved by the UC Berkeley Animal Care and Use Committee, Protocol AUP-2014-08-6638-2 and AUP-2020-07-13458 and conducted in compliance with Federal and University regulations. We used female mice for all vascular leak assays and male mice for all SARS-CoV-2 infections.
Wild animals	No wild animals were used in this study.
Field-collected samples	No field-collected samples were used in this study.
Ethics oversight	Mice were housed at the UC Berkeley Animal Facility in accordance with all state and federal regulations. All animal work was approved by Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at the University of California, Berkeley.

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.